FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATION 2009-10

Part 1. Children in School (Use a separate application for each foster child) SNAP, TANF or FDPIR Case Names of all children in school (First, Middle Initial, Last) School Name Grade Number. Skip to Part 5 if you list a case number. Part 2. If the child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway, check the appropriate box Homeless □ Migrant □ Runaway □ Part 3. Foster Child/Institutionalized Child If this application is for a child who is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, check this box \(\square\) and then list the amount of the child's personal use monthly income: \$_____. Skip to Part 5. Part 4. Total Household Gross Income – You must tell us how much and how often 2. Gross income for every person in the household and how often it was received: monthly, 1. Names of every 3. twice a month, every two weeks, or weekly. person in the Check household Earnings from work Welfare, child Pensions, retirement, All Other Income if No before deductions support, alimony Income Social Security \$150/weekly \$100/monthly (Example) Jane Smith \$200/weekly \$ \$ \$ \$ / / / / \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ / \$ / \$ \$ \$ \$ / / / / \$ Part 5. Signature and Social Security Number (Adult must sign) An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 4 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list his or her Social Security Number. (See Privacy Act Statement on the back of this page.) I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted. Printed Name of Adult ______Telephone Address_____City/ZIP___ Signature Date Social Security Number: ___ - __ - __ - __ __ Part 6. Children's ethnic and racial identities (Optional) Choose one or more (regardless of ethnicity) Choose one Ethnicity ☐ Hispanic/Latino ☐ Asian ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ White ☐ Not Hispanic/Latino ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander ☐ Black or African American Do not write below this line. This is for school use only. Annual Income Conversion: Monthly X 12, Twice a Month X 24, Every 2 Weeks X 26, Weekly X 52 Determination based on (check one):

Income Household: Total Income _____per__ Household Size ☐ SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Household (Categorically Eligible) ☐ Migrant, Homeless, or Runaway Child (Categorically Eligible) Check the box that applies: **Approved for**: ☐ Free ☐ Reduced-Price **Temporary approval for:** \Box Free ☐ Reduced-Price **Temporary approval until**: Denied for: □ Income Over □ Incomplete/Missing Information Determining Official's Signature: Date:

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

| FEDERAL INCOME CHART For School Year 2009-10 | | | |
|--|--------|---------|--------|
| Household size | Yearly | Monthly | Weekly |
| 1 | 20,036 | 1,670 | 386 |
| 2 | 26,955 | 2,247 | 519 |
| 3 | 33,874 | 2,823 | 652 |
| 4 | 40,793 | 3,400 | 785 |
| 5 | 47,712 | 3,976 | 918 |
| 6 | 54,631 | 4,553 | 1,051 |
| 7 | 61,550 | 5,130 | 1,184 |
| 8 | 68,469 | 5,706 | 1,317 |
| Each additional person: | 6,919 | 577 | 134 |

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

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Free or low-cost health insurance for children and teenagers.

Your children may qualify for health coverage under Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) or the Healthy Montana Kids Plan (beginning October 1, 2009). Children and teenagers who get regular checkups (and treatment for health problems) do better in school and are more likely to become healthy adults. For more information, call 1-877-KidsNow (1-877-543-7669) or visit us on-line at www.chip.mt.gov.

